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SUBJECT: AFGHAN AMBASSADOR REMARKS ON PAKISTAN DISMEMBERMENT

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1. ITALAIN CHARGE HAS TOLD AMB HUMMEL OF EXTRAORDINARY STATEMENTS MADE BY NEW AFGHAN AMB JULY 19 DURING AFGHAN'S CALL ON ITALIAN AMB AT WHICH ITALIAM DCM (NOW CHARGE) PARTICIPATED.
2. AFGHAN AMB MAHMOUD BARYALAI STATED FLATLY AND UNMISTAKABLY
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THAT PAKISTAN'S DISMEMBERMENT IS INEVITABLE. HE PREDICTED THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED WITH INDIA AND POSSIBLY IRAN BY WHICH AFGHANS WOULD GET ALL AREAS WEST OF INDUS RIVER AS THEIR RIGHTFUL DUE, INDIA WOULD ABSORB MOST OF THE REST, AND THE SHAH WOULD PROBABLY BE SATISFIED IF HE GOT KARACHI.

3. COMMENT: SINCE THAT EARLY CONVERSATION SHORTLY AFTER

PRESENTING CREDENTIALS JULY 16, AFGHAN AMB HAS BEEN MUCH MORE CIRCUMSPECT IN HIS REMARKS TO OTHER AMBS HERE, PROBABLY HAVING BEEN SO ADVISED BY HIS MFA. AFGHAN AMB IS YOUNGER BROTHER OF FORMER DEP. PM BABRAK KARMAL, HAS NEVER BEFORE HELD GOVERNMENT JOB, AND IS FRESH FROM GRADUATE STUDIES IN MISCOW. IT APPEARS THAT HE WAS FRANKLY DESCRIBING HIS WORLD VIEW AS INCULCATED BY SOVIET MENTORS. SO FAR AS WE KNOW THE ITALIANS HERE HAVE UNTIL YESTERDAY KEPT QUIET ABOUT THESE STATEMENTS, BUT ITALIAN CHARGE TOLD GROUP OF WESTERN CHIEFS OF MISSION AND WORD WILL SURELY GET AROUND. INDIANS WILL HARDLY APPRECIATE SUCH STATEMENTS GEING GIVEN CURRENCY SINCE THEY ARE TRYING TO PORTRAY NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AS PROBABLY BENIGN AND INDEPENDENT ENTITY WITH WHOM INDIA IS NOT COLLUDING AND FROM WHOM PAKS HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. PAKS AND IRANIANS WILL HAVE PREDICTABLE REACTIONS. HUMMEL

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